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OPTICAL TRANSMISSION SYSTEM
AND OPTICAL TRANSMITTER AND
OPTICAL RECEIVER USED THEREFOR

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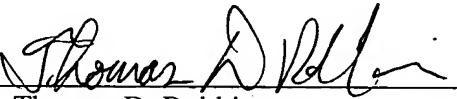
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 - b. a foreign patent office search report (in the English language) submitted herewith,
 - c. the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page ,
 - d. the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract, submitted in the grand parent no. 6,335,814,
 - e. the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference:
5. For item AO listed on the attached form PTO-1449, reference is made to the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page 1.

A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	5,541,755	7/1996	Noe et al.			
	AB	4,959,826	9/1990	Smith			
	AC	5,625,479	4/1997	Suzuki et al.			
	AD	6,271,950	8/2001	Hansen et al.			
	AE	5,319,438	6/1994	Kiasaleh			
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	AJ	7-73639	3/1995	JP			abstract
	AK	0 718 989 A2	6/1996	EP			
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OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	AO	K. Kikushima et al., "Optical Super Wide-Band FM Modulation Scheme and Its Application to Multi-Channel AM Video Transmission Systems", IOOC '95, PD2-7, pages 33 and 34
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